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1. INSTITUTE OF CULTURAL RELATIONS WORKING DILIGENTLY ON DEVELOPING SCHEDULE FOR DEAN CHANDLER, BUT THERE IS NO REPEAT NO PRECEDENT FOR THEIR EVER HAVING A PROGRAM READY BEFORE THE ACTUAL ARRIVAL OF A VISITOR, MUCH LESS "HAVING AN INKLING" PARA 2 REF B AS TO WHAT SPECIFIC AREAS DISCUSSIONS WOULD FOCUS ON.

2. GOH ACCEPTED CHANDLER VISIT IN PRINCIPLE AT SUGGESTION OF EMBASSY WHICH IS TRYING TO OPEN SOME DOORS CLOSED FOR PAST 30 YEARS IN THE FIELD OF ACADEMIC EXCHANGES. IN CONTRAST TO DEAN CHANDLER'S ACTIVITIES IN ROMANIA WHICH WE ASSUME ARE PART OF AN ESTABLISHED, ON-GOING PROGRAM, HUNGARIAN VISIT WOULD BE PIONEERING AND EXPLORATORY IN NATURE.

3. IF FORNOFF WERE TO BE ASKED TO ISSUE VISA IN BUCHAREST FOR QUOTE OFFICIAL VISIT UNQUOTE, THAT ALONE WOULD REQUIRE AN OFFICIAL NOTE FROM THE ICR PLUS AN ADDITIONAL THREE WEEKS FOR PROCESSING. WERE
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WE TO FOLLOW THAT PROCEDURE NO AMERICAN VISITOR WOULD

HAVE YET MADE IT TO HUNGARY AS PART OF OUR CULTURAL
PROGRAM. ACCORDINGLY ONLY PRACTICAL SOLUTION IS TO
OBTAIN TOURIST VISA AT EITHER HUNGARIAN EMBASSY IN
BUCHAREST OR ON ARRIVAL AT BUDAPEST AIRPORT.
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